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LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER

REF: NICOSIA 0584

1. WITH REFERENCE TO KYPRIANOU'S SPEECH UPON HIS INVESTITURE
AS PRESIDENT OF CYPRUS, NILUFER YALCIN WRITING IN MILLIYET
ON MARCH 4 REPORTS THAT RELIABLE OFFICIAL SOURCES IN ANKARA
HAVE CHARACTERIZED THE SPEECH AS "AN UNFORTUNATE NEW
UNDERTAKING AND AN EXAMPLE OF KYPRIANOU'S IRRESPONSIBILITY".
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YALCIN, WHO HAS EXCELLENT ACCESS TO HIGH LEVEL OFFICIALS
IN THE MFA, QUOTES THE SAME SOURCES AS SAYING:
"KYPRIANOU OBVIOUSLY GIVES MORE PRIORITY TO THE
CONTINUATION OF THE DEPLORABLE SITUATION WHICH EXISTS IN
THE MILITARY RELATIONSHIP OF TWO ALLIES THAN HE DOES TO
THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. KYPRIANOU MUST UNDERSTAND THAT THE
AUTHORITY TO DETERMINE THE FUTURE OF TURKEY'S RELATIONS

WITH A THIRD COUNTRY DOES NOT LIE WITH THE LEADER OF THE GREEK CYPRIOT COMMUNITY.

"ON THE EVE OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS AND THE TURK CYPRIOTS' PRESENTING SERIOUS PROPOSALS FOR A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS ISSUE, KYPRIANOU'S RIGID ATTITUDE WHICH IS ORIENTED TO HAVING AN UNFAVORABLE INFLUENCE ON THE NEGOTIATIONS AND HIS PRESENTATION OF PRECONDITIONS CANNOT BE RECONCILED WITH THE SERIOUSNESS AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DUTIES OF THE LEADER OF A COMMUNITY.

"KYPRIANOU MUST ABANDON HIS GOAL OF HAVING THE UNITED STATES PUT PRESSURE ON TURKEY. FOR THE INITIATION OF AN ERA OF PEACE, HE MUST TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE GOOD INTENTIONS OF THE TURK CYPRIOTS AND THE PRESENT POSITIVE CLIMATE WHICH HAS EMERGED. THE CYPRUS SITUATION IS THE BITTER RESULT OF OPPORTUNITIES WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN SEIZED IN THE PAST. THE GREEK CYPRIOT COMMUNITY MUST NOT LET THIS CHANCE FOR PEACE GET AWAY, AND IT MUST NOT THINK THAT THERE IS A GREAT POSSIBILITY THAT THERE WILL BE THIS KIND OF OPPORTUNITY AGAIN".

2. IN A COMPANION ARTICLE, MILLIYET CORRESPONDENT IN NICOSIA, AKAY CEMAL, REPORTS THE KYPRIANOU LETTER FORWARDED TO PRESIDENT CARTER THROUGH AMBASSADOR CRAWFORD (REFTEL). HE EMPHASIZES THE LETTER'S ALLEGED INSISTENCE THAT THE EMBARGO NOT BE LIFTED LEST THE TURKS ADOPT AN UNCOMPROMISING UNCLASSIFIED

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ATTITUDE. CEMAL WRITES THAT AFTER MEETING WITH THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR, KYPRIANOU ALLEGEDLY REPEATED HIS THREAT TO APPLY TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL AGAIN IN THE EVENT THAT THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS DO NOT RECONVENE. SPIERS

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